WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) a polyhucleotide capable of hybridizing to and which is at least 70% identical to the polynucleotide of (a); and
- (c) a polynucleotide fragment of the polynucleotide of (a) or (b).
- 2. The polynucleotide of Claim 1 wherein the polynucleotide is DNA.
- 3. The polynucleotide of Claim 2 which encodes the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 4. The polynucleotide of Claim 2 which encodes the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 5. The polynucleotide of Claim 2 which encodes the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 6. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a polynucleotide which encodes a mature polypeptide encoded by the DNA contained in the deposited clone;
- (b) a polynucleotide which encodes a polypeptide expressed by the DNA contained in the deposited clone;
- (c) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing to and which is at least 70% identical to the polynucleotide of (a) or (b); and
- (d) a polynucleotide fragment of the
 polynucleotide of (a), (b) or (c).

7. A vector containing the DNA of Claim 2.

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- 8. A host cell genetically engineered with the vector of Claim 7.
- 9. A process for producing a polypeptide comprising: expressing from the host cell of Claim 8 the polypeptide encoded by said DNA.
- 10. A process for producing cells capable of expressing a polypeptide comprising transforming or transfecting the cells with the vector of Claim 7.
- 11. A polypeptide selected from the group consisting of (i) a polypeptide having the deduced amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and fragments, analogs and derivatives thereof; (ii) a polypeptide comprising amino acid 1 to amino acid 221 of SEQ ID NO:2; and (iii) a polypeptide encoded by the cDNA of the deposited clone and fragments, analogs and derivatives of said polypeptide.
- 12. A compound effective as an agonist for the polypeptide of claim 11.
- 13. A compound effective as an antagonist against the polypeptide of claim 11.
- 14. A method for the treatment of a patient having need of PGSG-1 comprising: administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11.
- 15. The method of Claim 14 wherein said \therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide is

administered by providing to the patient DNA encoding said polypeptide and expressing said polypeptide *in vivo*.

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- 16. A method for the treatment of a patient having need of VEGF3 comprising: administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 12.
- 17. A method for the treatment of a patient having need to inhibit VEGF3 comprising: administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of the antagonist of Claim 13.
- 18. A process for diagnosing a disease or a susceptibility to a disease related to expression of the polypeptide of claim 11 comprising:

determining a mutation in the nucleic acid sequence encoding said polypept de.

- 19. A diagnostic process comprising:
 analyzing for the presence of the polypeptide of
 claim 11 in a sample derived from a host.
- 20. A method for identifying compounds which bind to and activate or inhibit a receptor for the polypeptide of claim 11 comprising:

contacting a cell expressing on the surface thereof a receptor for the polypeptide, said receptor being associated with a second component capable of providing a detectable signal in response to the binding of a compound to said receptor, with a compound to be screened under conditions to permit binding to the receptor; and

determining whether the compound binds to and activates or inhibits the receptor by detecting the

presence or absence of a signal generated from the interaction of the compound with the receptor.

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